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THE CEYLON
WENT DOWNAged Wooden Bark
Abandoned by
Crew.CAPTAIN, FAMILY
AND CREW SAFEBattled With Sinking Vessel--Were
Nearly Four Days in
Boats.

The old whale-oil soaked wooden-bark Ceylon, Captain Willer, did meet with disaster on a voyage between Honolulu and Laysan Island.

After making heroic efforts in trying to pump tons of water through broken down pumping machinery and navigating his vessel first this way and then that in an effort to save her, Captain Willer had to abandon the ship and with his wife, child, crew, and six Japanese who were passengers for Honolulu, he battled again in small boats for four days and three nights before reaching Laysan Island. Six weeks were spent on Laysan Island before the rescue steamer Hanalei arrived there to take the party off.

The Hanalei returned from Laysan Island on Saturday evening bringing the ship-wrecked party.

The disaster to this old wooden vessel has been expected for months. She has been in all kinds of service in all kinds of weather for nearly half a century and although her timbers were of oak the iron fastenings of them had long ago rusted. When the vessel was last at Honolulu Messrs. Hackfeld & Co., her owners, could not get insurance at a rate less than twenty per cent. Finally the vessel was sent to sea without any insurance and she is therefore a total loss, including her cargo of guano. The vessel was purchased a few years ago for \$9,000.

The Ceylon left Laysan Island on June 23rd. Besides her crew and a party of six Japanese who were coming to Honolulu on a trip, Captain Willer had his wife and little son on board. While loading, Captain Willer was aware that the vessel was leaking but he did not think that water was entering in sufficient quantities to cause any trouble. On the second day out water commenced pouring into the hold at a rate of fifteen inches an hour. The situation looked very serious so Captain Willer decided to put back to Laysan Island but later changed his mind as he would have to sail against head winds and might be some days in reaching there. The steam pumps were started but these broke down in a few minutes and all hands were put to work on the hand pumps, but the water came in faster than they could pump it out. West-erly winds sprang up and gave Captain Willer hope that he might possibly reach Honolulu. Then for nearly a week all hands worked night and day in an effort to save the vessel. Even Mrs. Willer went out and gave a hand at the pumps and the party at times got along without meals so that the cook could spend his time there. The hardships were increased on July second when heavy seas were encountered. The wind shifted and Captain Willer again decided to steer for Laysan. At this time the vessel was within three hundred miles of Niihau. The bark labored heavily in the sea, all hands were exhausted, and the pumps were no longer useful as they were clogged with guano. Water was now so deep in the vessel's hold that the crew no longer took the trouble to measure it. In this extremity Captain Willer called a meeting of those on the vessel at which it was decided that they had better try to return to Laysan Island and save anything they could of the Ceylon. But on the following morning matters were so much worse that it was decided to leave the bark. At that time it was thought that the vessel was about to founder.

On the morning of the fourth of July preparations were commenced toward leaving the doomed ship. Three boats were manned but one of these was swamped and its occupants had to be taken into the remaining boats. Sails were fitted to both boats and

Captain Willer decided to try and reach Laysan Island in them. In his own boat the skipper had his wife, his boy, the second mate, three sailors and four Japs. In the other Mr. Lorentze, the mate, had the remainder of the crew. Captain Willer had the navigating instruments in his boat and the mate was given instructions to follow him. At night a bright light was burned by the leading boat so that the second one could see the way.

Then for four days and three nights the party experienced many hardships. All of the food got soaked with salt water before it could be consumed by the tired, exhausted and hungry castaways. Captain Willer steered his boat for sixteen hours and then dropped off to sleep from sheer exhaustion. In addition to other hardships it was soon found that the leading boat was leaking and two persons had to work every minute of the day and night in bailing out water.

But the weather was fine and occasionally the spirits of the party were revived. On one occasion the two boats engaged for a whole day in racing. Ever possible advantage of the wind was taken by both boats. Sometimes one and sometimes the other boat would lead but at the end it was said that Mr. Lorentze's craft had the advantage.

Just at sunset time on the evening of the fourth day in the boats a sailor spied the Laysan Island light. There were some wild scenes of joy and all efforts were made to get the two boats to the shore before the night set in. When everyone had clambered safely ashore they were met by genial Captain Schlemmer, the "King of Laysan," who gave the ship-wrecked people a hearty welcome and made their stay of six weeks on the island a very pleasant one. The whole party needed the six weeks rest badly to recuperate themselves from the great hardships they had been through before the rescue steamer arrived.

Mrs. Willer said yesterday: "I didn't worry much. The Captain has been over there many times and he knew all about the bad condition of the Ceylon. I knew he could get us out of it all right. The bad part of it was the sitting up in a leaking boat for that long time. We couldn't lay down and when we wanted a biscuit to eat it was full of salt water."

"The newspapers said that the Japs were nearly starving on Laysan. They were not for they still had plenty of rice left. Then they have four cows there and they give two full pails of milk every day. The cows have got very fat since they were sent over there. The water around the island abounds in the finest fish I have ever seen. They are also very plentiful. Wild birds, such as duck, can also be secured in plenty and these make very good living. Mr. Schlemmer also had a fine lot of canned goods and all these things taken together would have kept the crowd on the island for many months."

The Ceylon is probably all broken up long before this time. Pieces of her wreckage were cast up on Laysan Island during the time that the ship-wrecked party were there. The last seen of the vessel was when the Captain and crew abandoned her. At that time the deck of the Ceylon was about even with the water.

The rescue steamer Hanalei made the run down to Laysan in three days. She remained at the island for a week during which time she discharged her cargo of provisions and shipped a cargo of guano. Captain Schlemmer and about fifteen Jap laborers returned on the Hanalei. It is quite probable that the Hanalei will make another trip to Laysan Island within a few days.

Y. M. C. A. SERVICE
ON PACIFIC HEIGHTSYoung Men Hold Praise Service
High Above the Sea
Level.

The Young Men's Christian Association chose a delightful place for the Sunday afternoon meeting yesterday, and about 40 people availed themselves of the service. It was held from 4 to 5 in the bungalow near the end of the Pacific Heights car line, by courtesy of Mr. Desky. Several of the Buford soldiers dropped in. There was considerable singing and half a dozen short talks beside the more studied one of C. J. Day.

District Attorney Jerome, of New York, whose father, Lawrence Jerome, was a celebrated wit of his day, says that on a certain occasion, when he was a little chap, he was riding on his father's knee in a Fifth Avenue stage, every other seat being taken. At the corner a lady entered, and his father said to him in severe tones: "Why, Travers, my boy, I am ashamed of you! Why don't you get up and give this lady your seat?"

A sliding scale: Lone arrival (at summer resort) "What are your terms here?" Hotel clerk "Um--you will have to wait until the through express gets in. If it is loaded, our terms will be ten dollars a day. If it is empty, we will pay you twenty-five cents an hour to sit on the porch and look happy."—New York Weekly.

FIERCE FIRE IN
CAMPBELL BLOCKStarts in the Hawaiian Hardware
Ware Rooms and Wrecks
Many Offices.Heavy Losses on Stocks in the Building and
Almost as Great Destruction Wrought
by Water in Upper Story.

Fire which caused loss estimated at \$100,000 and endangered the entire downtown business section broke out Saturday afternoon in the warehouse of the Hawaiian Hardware Company, in the rear of the Campbell block, and for three hours kept the firemen busy and tenants on the alert. The loss from the fire proper is not more than half the total, the damage from the thousands of gallons of water making up the remainder.

All day yesterday there was a special watch kept and during the afternoon there was need of it. The bales of cotton waste which furnished much of the smoke during the fire, again began to blaze, and being seen by Will Savidge, who was looking after his office, he with the assistance of the guards pulled out the blazing cotton. The department and several hundred people responded to the alarm from box 13, and the chemical engine was sufficient to extinguish the blaze.

The fire which was reported at little after two o'clock started in the warehouse, it is now said from some accident during the filling of an order for gasoline. One report having it that the native porter knocked over and broke his lantern while in the warehouse. There was not much of the inflammable substance on hand and the danger of a disastrous explosion was thus avoided. There was in the warehouse contiguous to the flames a quantity of giant powder and caps, and these were quickly carried out by the employees and sent back to the magazine.

Before the department could get on the ground the smoke was pouring out of every opening in the building, in volumes thick and black. This proved so confusing that the fighters could not locate the source and for a time had to fight in a general way. As soon as the fire was noted M. Phillips & Company closed the iron shutters cutting off

PORTUGUESE NAME THREE
CANDIDATES FOR TICKET

Three candidates are before the Portuguese Political Club for nomination as the representative of that body in the legislature. The nominations were made at a meeting of the club Saturday evening and the selection will be completed Wednesday evening at a meeting at San Antonio Hall.

The three men named are Frank Andrade, Maj. Camara and M. A. Silva. It is provided that the representative of the club shall have two-thirds vote of the enrolled members but this is clearly impossible and the by-laws probably will be changed so that a plurality vote will mean endorsement. C. Ferreira named M. A. Silva and J. F. Durao placed Andrade before the meeting in an eloquent speech, calling attention to his attainments and urging the voters to stand together.

Maj. Camara was named by M. A. Pacheco, who said his candidate had always been identified with the colony and was not one who had come in now that there was a plum to be plucked. This brought Mr. Andrade to his feet with the declaration that he had joined the club in the best of faith and not with hope of preferment, and that his only wish was for the future advancement of the Portuguese colony.

M. A. Pacheco was nominated but he refused to consider the matter, saying that he stood for Camara. There was a large attendance and the outlook is for the presence of a large proportion of the 250 members at the meeting of Wednesday evening.

TO HEAR PRINCE CUPID.
The return of Prince Cupid from his

trip through Maui and Hawaii is expected Tuesday in the W. G. Hall, and immediately there will be something doing in the matter of bringing the Hui Kuokoa into active existence. It is certain that Prince Cupid will bring back reports of strength of his friends, for information has been received that on Hawaii the Young Hawaiians and the Aloha Aina clubs have joined forces and are back of the Prince. This means the union of Ewaliko and Lewis in Hilo, and brings Desha into line as well.

While there is no forecast of what will be done it is believed that a definite declaration will be made as to his intentions by Prince Cupid, at a public meeting which will be held during this week. The executive committee has decided that the meeting will be held, the time and place to be selected this evening. It is probable that the meeting will be held Tuesday in the Orpheum, and there will be a fine program of speeches prepared. It is expected that Prince Cupid and Archie Mahaulu will report upon what they have found on Maui and Hawaii.

HOME RULERS AT WORK.
Delegate Wilcox has started on a tour of Hawaii. Wednesday he will be joined at Laupahoehoe by David Kalauokalani and his son, and Representative Mossman, who leave on the Claudine tomorrow. Beginning at Laupahoehoe the party will make stops at various places until Hilo is reached. From there Wilcox intends to return home in order to meet Senators Mitchell and Foster. The nominating convention for legislative candidates will be held on Hawaii while Wilcox is there.

The Home Rulers are also at work on Oahu, and on Friday a meeting was held at Waiwala, and on Saturday at Laie. Mossman, Kalauokalani, Baker and Poepe were the speakers.

In his desk a large quantity of valuable data, collected since 1896, and also a number of notes for small loans. These were in wooden drawers, and the opening of the office and its use by the firemen resulted in the tearing off of the top of the desk, and the papers being distributed, many of them floating down through the holes in the floor, cut to sending below a stream of water. Almost all were destroyed. Several of these notes were not yet entered upon the books, which are kept in the safe, and there is no record of the transactions. The records comprise the individual data affecting business people and it will take time and money to replace such information. Mr. Berrey puts his loss at \$12,000 and says he had some facts which cannot be replaced; that his entire insurance will not come to more than thirty-three per cent of the loss.

In the second story of the building, immediately over the warehouse, which extends only to a point opposite the rear of the room formerly occupied by the First American Bank, there were a number of offices and nearly all occupied. The firm of Achi and Johnson, with the reality end of the business had several rooms and they managed to move out all their furniture or get it in shape so that it would be damaged only in the event of the total loss of the building. The firm's law library was removed to Palama and the only loss was in the handling and some little damage to furniture. John Effinger, who had on hand a stock of South Sea curios, suffered heavy loss, tapas and other things being badly water soaked and otherwise injured.

F. W. Makinney's abstract office is immediately opposite that of Effinger, and there was wreckage, for the papers in cases and the records with which the office was filled, were wet and scorched in some instances, making the loss heavy, though its total cannot be estimated until there has been examination. The rear offices of G. B. Scott, broker, P. E. R. Strauch, broker, and H. Kobayashi, were practically wrecked. Water was poured into the entire wing of the building for the purpose of reaching the fire beneath standing an inch on the floor. The extent of the destruction was apparent yesterday when the floor joists under that entire portion of the building were found to be charred and weakened. It is probable that the building there will have to be rebuilt.

On the Fort street side of the building the cigar and tobacco store of David Lawrence, while having a heavy wall to the rear through which the flames did not come at any time, was flooded with water, and the loss sustained was heavy. There was a stock of close to \$20,000 in the place and when the fire and water was approaching the underwriters told the owner to save what he could. The insurance was only \$5,000 and by dint of making use of every one who would assist and carrying the stock to the room at the corner of Fort and King, something like one-third of the goods were saved. The loss will be in the neighborhood of \$6,000.

In the other portions of the building the damage was from haste to get out for fear of the spread of the fire. Many occupants of offices in the Merchant street side took out their furniture and on the ground floor several of the offices, such as Armitage were completely cleared. There were exceptions. Hankey, the lawyer, J. O. Carter, Grimwood, Richardson & Holloway sticking to their places and losing nothing whatever. Waterhouse & Company had some of their things taken out and there was some little loss. All over the block, including the Bishop building, there was readiness to get out of the rooms if there was any spread of the flames, but the firemen kept it to bounds.

There were many humors of the fire. When Lawrence, after waiting as long as prudent, began to move, there was a rush and every Chinese and Portuguese newsboy had the best and longest of cigars to smoke. One had carried off a case of smoking tobacco and another was seen half way up the street bound for the slopes with cigars worth \$20 a box, until he was almost bent double. Mr. Lawrence prevented many such abstractions but he could not be everywhere. In the hurry many boxes were broken and the cigars and tobacco was at once floated around and the water destroyed them.

During the carrying out of furniture Fred Harrison had much help, so much that he could not keep strict watch upon all that was saved. The desk in his office was taken apart and carried to a place of safety. Yesterday he began to search for it and found only one-half, the top of the desk being still missing.

From Waterhouse & Company's office much of the furniture was taken and R. W. Shingle was unable to locate the place to which his workbench was taken. He still searches.

The insurance men have not had time to make up lists of their insurance but the losses will be fairly well covered.

The Edward May expects to complete loading sugar at Makaweli on Tuesday and will probably sail for the coast on Wednesday.

DIVES FROM
HIGH ROOFCrazed Hawaiian
Leaps for His
Freedom.DESPERATE FIGHT
WITH THE POLICEFall Broken by a Wire and He
Escapes With a Broken
Thigh Only.

With a thousand people gathered about to see his finish, Aka, a native who was half crazed by domestic and other troubles, took a dive from the roof of the old Chinese theater building, in Aala lane yesterday afternoon, and is now lying at the Queen's Hospital with a fracture of the thigh at the joint. That he lives is nearly a miracle for he must have fallen not less than fifty feet. A wire line and a friend helped to break his fall, however.

It was a lively four hours that Aala knew half before and the rest after the noon hour. Not only did Aka give his aerial exhibition but a hack drove in front of a Rapid Transit car with serious results to the vehicle and painful ones to the driver, who maintains that he did not hear any bell as he drove out of the lane into King street. This started the exhibition. Then after Aka's act, and while Policeman Silva, who had been on the roof trying to save the madman, was putting on his shoes seated on the veranda of a Chinese lodging house, he was attacked by Chinese, who the police think have read of Judge Gear's remarks about the rights of Orientals when the police are a party, and was severely beaten about the head with clubs. Altogether Aala had a lively afternoon.

Aka's pilikia is attributed to a quarrel with his wife. The pair live in one of the tenements adjoining the old theater, in Aala lane, almost midway between King street and Beretania avenue. They had a difference of opinion Saturday according to reports, and Aka pondered over the matter until his thoughts and certain features of his diet turned his head. He then swore that he would have revenge and it is said went out threatening that he would kill the woman. The reports of impending trouble started, grew and finally were taken to the Police Station in such shape as to involve the killing of the woman and a baby. So it was that at 10 o'clock yesterday morning police were sent to watch Aka.

He was not to be caught however and going out through a skylight of the tenement ascended to the roof of the theater building, passing along the eaves until he had come to a point remote from the house and at the high-est point from the rear yard of the building. There he perched and for three hours and a half resisted every blandishment of the hundreds who tried their hand at inducing him to come off the roof. At length the situation became intolerable. Police were anxious that it end and Detective McDuffie determined to try to catch the man. He secured a rope from a Chinese store nearby and waiting it so that it could be thrown followed Aka to the roof. But the Hawaiian was not to be captured. McDuffie tried moral suasion and this failing endeavored to get on the blind side of Aka to lasso him. But the wild man had no blind side. He was ever on the alert and gave no chances.

Duncan and Manuel Garcia followed McDuffie and finding that every effort to attract the attention of Aka, so as to trap him, failed, it was decided that the Porto Rican policeman should be sent after the Hawaiian. A noise was made and put about Garcia, and he was lowered from the peak of the roof down to the eave, on which precarious footing the Hawaiian was resting. Aka saw him coming and waited with a face showing the ferocity of his nature. As soon as Garcia came near enough to grab the shirt of Aka, the Hawaiian, permitting himself to be grasped, began to belabor Garcia, seeming to know that his captor could not let go. Garcia's situation was far from pleasant. He had tied the knot in the rope himself, but had made it a slip noose. This was but made it a slip noose, under the tightening about his mid-st, under the weight of himself and the fighting Hawaiian.

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